

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A water-sealing component assembly, comprising:
a first component;
a second component arranged adjacent said first component such that a clearance is defined between clearance-defining surfaces of said first and second components, said first component being rotatable relative to said second component; and
a water-repelling film layer provided on at least ~~one of~~ said clearance-defining surface surfaces of said first component, and said second components that define said clearance such that invasion of water into said clearance is prevented due to a centrifugal force from rotation of said first component.
2. (Original) The water-sealing component assembly set forth in claim 1, further comprising
a ground-layer film provided in between said water-repelling film and said clearance-defining surface of one of said first and second components on which said water-repelling film layer is provided.
3. (Original) The water-sealing component assembly set forth in claim 1, wherein
said water-repelling film layer is a thin metallic film impregnated with a fluorinated resin.
4. (Original) The water-sealing component assembly set forth in claim 1, wherein
said clearance-defining surface on which said water-repelling film layer is formed is on at least one of mutually opposing surfaces of said first and second components.

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5. (Original) The water-sealing component assembly set forth in claim 1,
wherein

said clearance-defining surface on which said water-repelling film layer is formed is
on a surface that is contiguous with at least one of mutually opposing surfaces of said first
and second components.

6. (Original) The water-sealing component assembly set forth in claim 1, further
comprising

a bearing having an inner race and an outer race,
said first component having a pressing member that is attached to said outer race of
said bearing,
said second component having a rod member that is attached to said inner race of said
bearing.

7. (Original) The water-sealing component assembly set forth in claim 1, further
comprising:

a bearing having an inner race and an outer race; and
a rod member attached to said inner race of said bearing,
said first component having a pressing member that is attached to said outer race of
said bearing,
said second component having a cylindrical member that is fitted to said rod member.

8. (Original) The water-sealing component assembly set forth in claim 1, further
comprising

a bearing having an inner race and an outer race,
said first component having a plate-shaped member attached to said outer race of said
bearing,
said second component having a pressing member attached to said inner race of said
bearing.

9. (Original) The water-sealing component assembly set forth in claim 1,
wherein

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said water-repelling film layer is provided on both of said clearance-defining surfaces of said first and said second components.

10. (Original) The water-sealing component assembly set forth in claim 7, wherein

said cylindrical member has a projecting portion, which has a lip portion that tapers out.

11. (Currently Amended) The water-sealing component assembly, comprising :
~~set forth in claim 7, wherein~~

a first component;

a second component arranged adjacent said first component such that a clearance is defined between clearance-defining surfaces of said first and second components, said first component being rotatable relative to said second component;

a water-repelling film layer provided on at least one of said clearance-defining surfaces of said first and said second components that define said clearance;

a bearing having an inner race and an outer race; and

a rod member attached to said inner race of said bearing,

said first component having a pressing member that is attached to said outer race of said bearing,

said second component having a cylindrical member that is fitted to said rod member,
said cylindrical member having has a plurality of projecting portions.

12. (Currently Amended) A fishing reel attachable to a fishing rod, said fishing reel comprising:

a reel body to be attached to the fishing rod;

a first component;

a second component unrotatable relative to said reel body, said second component being arranged adjacent said first component such that a clearance is defined clearance-defining surfaces of said first and second components, said first component being rotatable relative to said second component; and

13. (Original) The fishing reel set forth in claim 12, further comprising a water-repelling film layer provided on at least ~~one of~~ said clearance-defining surface surfaces of said first component, and said second components that define said clearance such that invasion of water into said clearance is prevented due to a centrifugal force from rotation of said first component.

14. (Original) The fishing reel set forth in claim 12, further comprising a ground-layer film provided in between said water-repelling film and said opposing surface of one of said first and second components on which said water-repelling film layer is provided.

15. (Original) The fishing reel set forth in claim 12, wherein said water-repelling film layer is a thin metallic film impregnated with a fluorinated resin.

16. (Currently Amended) A spinning reel comprising:
a handle;
a reel unit to which said handle is rotatably fitted, said reel unit having a spool shaft;
a rotor rotatable about said spool shaft in cooperation with rotation of said handle;
a spool disposed adjacent said rotor to wind fish line guided by said rotor, said spool being axially movable along said spool shaft; and
a water-sealing structure defined between said rotor and said spool shaft, including
a first component attached to said rotor,
a second component attached to said spool shaft and arranged adjacent to said first component such that a clearance is defined between opposing surfaces of said first and second components, said first component being rotatable relative to said second component; and
a water-repelling film layer provided on at least ~~one of~~ said opposing surface surfaces of said first component, and said second components such that invasion of water into said clearance is prevented due to a centrifugal force from rotation of said first component.

17. (Previously Presented) The spinning reel set forth in claim 16, wherein

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said water-sealing structure further includes a bearing having an inner race and an outer race, said outer race being attached to said rotor, said inner race being attached to said spool shaft,

said first component has a pressing member that is attached to said outer race of said bearing, and

said second component is an outer peripheral surface of said spool shaft.

17. (Original) The spinning reel set forth in claim 15, wherein:

said water-sealing structure further includes a bearing having an inner race and an outer race, said outer race being attached to said rotor, said inner race being attached to said spool shaft,

said first component has a pressing member that is attached to said outer race of said bearing, and

said second component has a cylindrical member that is fitted to said spool shaft.

18. (Original) The spinning reel set forth in claim 15, wherein

said water-sealing structure further includes a bearing having an inner race and an outer race, said outer race being attached to said rotor, said inner race being attached to said spool shaft,

said first component having a plate-shaped member attached to said outer race of said bearing, and

said second component having a pressing member attached to said inner race of said bearing.

19. (Original) The spinning reel set forth in claim 15, wherein

said water-repelling film layer is provided on both of said opposing surfaces of said first and said second components.

20. (Original) The spinning reel set forth in claim 17, wherein

said cylindrical member has a projecting portion, which has a lip portion that tapers out.

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21. (Original) The spinning reel comprising: set forth in claim 17, wherein
a handle;
a reel unit to which said handle is rotatably fitted, said reel unit having a spool shaft;
a rotor rotatable about said spool shaft in cooperation with rotation of said handle;
a spool disposed adjacent said rotor to wind fish line guided by said rotor, said spool
being axially movable along said spool shaft; and
a water-sealing structure defined between said rotor and said spool shaft, including
a first component attached to said rotor,
a second component attached to said spool shaft and arranged adjacent to said first
component such that a clearance is defined between opposing surfaces of said
first and second components, said first component being rotatable relative to said
second component,
a water-repelling film layer provided on at least one of said opposing surfaces of
said first and said second components, and
a bearing having an inner race and an outer race, said outer race being attached to
said rotor, said inner race being attached to said spool shaft,
said first component having a pressing member that is attached to said outer race of
said bearing, and
said second component having a cylindrical member that is fitted to said spool shaft,
said cylindrical member having has a plurality of projecting portions.
